

WAVE BANDITS LIFE TERM, SAYS SPROUL

Governor Declares for Severe Sentences if Necessary, Bidding Judges Be Stern

SUPPORT FOR BILLS SEEN

If it be necessary to impose life sentences to check crime then let judges bid their hearts, cast leniency to the winds and stand taken today by Governor Sproul in commenting upon measures which will be introduced in the Legislature looking toward more drastic action in combatting the traffic in bandits and others who prey upon society.

The Governor gave assurance he would look favorably upon legislation that would enable the courts to impose more severe sentences, and urged that the present tendency to work parole provisions to excess be corrected.

This statement was made by the Governor in Washington, where he was following Attorney General Palmer, following Attorney General Palmer, following Attorney General Palmer.

Senator Dais said he intended to introduce a bill to make life imprisonment a mandatory sentence upon second conviction in charge of felony.

Representative Walker said he would have his bill for an habitual criminal act ready to be introduced the first of next month.

The attitude of the Governor toward these measures is clearly shown and the passage of the bills at Harrisburg is predicted.

"It is imperative to meet the conditions which have arisen. If the present law can be made very effective in the suppression of crime, I have thought that many of our wiser Sessions Courts have been entirely too lenient and that the parole sentences have been worked to excess.

The advent of the automobile has rendered the detection of bandits so easy that it would seem to me that men of this sort should be dealt with severely.

While I do not think we should be amended into doing anything without deliberation, I would not look unfavorably upon legislation which would make it a crime to harbor a bandit.

There are many criminals who deserve life imprisonment. The judges should be allowed water discretion, so that the sentences are not in opposition of the expediency in the more heinous crimes.

PUPILS HONOR McCCLURE

School Holds Special Exercises This Afternoon

Children and teachers of the McClure school, Sixth street and Hunting Park avenue, joined today in honoring the memory of Alexander K. McClure, teacher and journalist, after whom the school is named.

Today marks the thirty-second anniversary of his birth and his portrait adorns the wall of each classroom, while the story of his life formed an important part of the lessons today.

This afternoon special exercises were held by the older children on the third floor, at which their parents were present. Preceded by an exhibit of school work in which "The Courtship of Miles Standish" was given, with William Neve as Miles Standish, Frank Hoemaker as John Alden, Gertrude Fox as Priscilla and Gladys Gauger as Anne.

Addresses were made by Samuel L. How, district superintendent, and Professor John E. Mahoney, of the West Philadelphia High School, with George Bickel, principal of the McClure school, in charge of the program.

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GRAND DUCHESS CHARLOTTE
The young ruler of Luxembourg, to whom a son was born yesterday. The duchess was married on November 8, 1919, to Prince Felix of Bourbon-Parma. The infant heir has been named John.

GAS VICTIMS BURIED

Bucks County Residents View Bodies of Weaver Family

More than 500 persons viewed the bodies of the four members of the Weaver family, who were asphyxiated in their home near Erwinna, Bucks county, Sunday night, before the burial today.

The funeral, one of the largest ever conducted in that section of Bucks county, was held from the little Union Reformed and Lutheran Church of Upper Tintinum township, and the bodies were buried in adjoining graves in the cemetery next to the church.

The four were William C. Weaver, twenty-eight years old; his wife, Elizabeth Weaver, twenty-seven years old; and their two children, Isabel, aged six years, and Floyd, aged three years.

They were found dead in their home early Tuesday after a brother had broken down a door.

According to Coroner White, of Bucks county, the Weavers entertained relatives at a New Year's dinner last Sunday; and that night Weaver "fixed" a coal fire for the night. The belief of the authorities is that Weaver turned the damper in the pipe the wrong way, throwing the gas into the house instead of up the chimney flue, and all four were suffocated as they slept.

Weaver was a prosperous farmer, controlling a farm of more than 100 acres, and was identified with different community interests and organizations.

JOB COMBINE SEEKS 36 CAPITAL PLUMS

Vare-Brown-Cunningham Group Will Make Drive on "Slate" Committee

CARE FOR FOLLOWERS HERE

Leaders in the Vare-Brown-Cunningham combination are preparing to "land" thirty-six jobs at Harrisburg for their followers when the "slate" committees of the House and Senate meet here next week.

James A. Dunn, chairman of the Philadelphia delegation to the Legislature, is expected to announce the Philadelphia membership of the "slate" committee today.

It is understood the selections by congressional districts are: First, Leopold C. Glass; Second, William J. Brady; Third, C. C. A. Bald; Jr.; Fourth, Patrick Connor; Fifth, Samuel J. Perry; and Sixth, Dr. James J. Heffernan.

Representatives Glass and Bald are Vare leaders. Brady is an ally of President Judge Brown. Connor is associated with the leadership of President Wegelin, of Council. Perry operates with Magistrate William P. Campbell, leader of the Twenty-fifth ward. Dr. Heffernan regards Senator Porrose as the leader of the state.

The Philadelphia membership of the "slate" committee is representative of the new job combine. Politicians said, therefore, that those who follow the leadership of the Mayor will receive

sent recognition in the way of legislative patronage.

State Representative Harry J. Trainer would like to get a place for George J. McElwee, Jr., recently dismissed as a probation officer in the Municipal Court. The leaders of the job combine do not propose to satisfy him unless they are persuaded to do so in the interest of harmony in the delegation.

Altogether the Senate and House slate committees will have upwards of 125 jobs to dispense. These range from wages at \$2 a day to clerks at \$10 a day. The committees will have a big task in trying to hand out the patronage in a way that will please the 257 members of the state Legislature.

At the same time the slate committees will be wrestling with the patronage problem. Speaker Spangler, of the House, and President pro tem, Baldwin, of the Senate, will be in conference with members and state leaders in an effort to appease the demands for committee chairmanships.

AUTO DEALER FOUND DEAD

William E. Schwartz Believed Victim of Accidental Shooting

William E. Schwartz, an automobile distributor and ex-service man, is dead from a gunshot wound, at the home of his parents, Florence and West avenue, Jenkintown.

Schwartz was found dead late yesterday in a stable used for garage purposes at the rear of the home.

Suburban police believe Schwartz accidentally shot himself while handling a revolver he carried in his car as protection against bandits. He made numerous night trips through Montgomery county, and between Jenkintown and Norristown where he had his place of business. The family is wealthy.

Schwartz was about twenty-eight years old, and the son of Charles E. Schwartz, furniture manufacturer, of South American street below Walnut.

His father is prominent in Republican politics in Montgomery county, having been sheriff, and now is president of the Jenkintown town council.

SON LURES MOTHER AWAY; ROBS HOME

Sent Card to Parent Saying Her Husband Was Injured and in Hospital

STOLE \$700; IS ARRESTED

Boris Stamerinski, nineteen years old, sent an anonymous postal card to his mother, at 409 North Seventh street, yesterday afternoon, notifying her that her husband had been seriously injured and taken to a hospital.

While the mother was searching hospitals the boy broke into her home and stole articles valued at \$700, the police say.

The boy was banished from his home a month ago. Yesterday afternoon the mother received a postal card stating that her husband had been seriously injured. The card requested her to go immediately to the hospital, but did not specify which hospital.

Mrs. Stamerinski and her thirteen-year-old daughter, Stella, locked the house and hurried to the nearest hospital. They spent the afternoon going from one institution to another in search of Mr. Stamerinski.

While they were away, according to the police, the son forced an entrance to the home and stole three overcoats, three suits, three watches and jewelry.

This morning a sister saw her brother

leave a pawnshop in the vicinity of Tenth and Parrish streets.

The sister said she discovered her brother had pawned some of the articles stolen from their home. She called a patrolman and Boris was arrested, after a chase at Ninth and Spring Garden streets.

All of the stolen articles were recovered at pawnshops. Boris was given a hearing before Magistrate Meekery, in Central Station, and held in \$1000 bail for court.

PATROLMEN FOIL ROBBERY

Thief Drops Goods and Escapes With Four in Pursuit

An attempted robbery in the clothing store of John H. Andrews, 2721 Germantown avenue, was foiled early this morning when patrolmen from two stations appeared. Goods valued at \$150 were dropped on the sidewalk by the thieves.

Using a screw-driver to break into a showense in front of the store, the thieves had lifted out three overcoats, a sweater and a knit jacket when Patrolmen Stamps and Goleter, of the Park and Lehigh avenues station, came by. At the same time two patrolmen from the Germantown avenue and Lycoming street station came from an opposite direction.

A chase east on Silver street followed, but the thieves escaped.

John H. McFadden III, John H. McFadden, a member of the firm of George H. McFadden & Bro., cotton merchants, 121 Chestnut street, who has apartments in the Wellington, Nineteenth and Walnut streets, is suffering from a general breakdown, due to his age. Mr. McFadden has been removed to the University Hospital, where his condition today is said to be about the same.

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